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Objective

To obtain a responsible and challenging position as Zookeeper Apprentice to further my ambition of becoming a Zookeeper and to experience the importance of education and conservation of wildlife.

Education

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ August 2009 - July 2014
Bachelor of Science, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Computer Science

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ August 2007 - May 2009
Computer Science and Engineering, 3.18

Internship

Reid Park Zoo, Tucson, Arizona May 2014 - Present
Intern and Volunteer

- Over 250 hours of experience in every area except elephants with major knowledge in the South America area, Learning Center, and kitchen
- Clean exhibits including raking, hosing, pool cleaning, and bleaching
- Production of diets and sanitation in the kitchen
- Assist with diet and enrichment distribution
- Check fencing and night-houses for distress to ensure exhibit safety
- Observe zookeeper training sessions
- Occasional behavioral observations for courtship indicators, stress indicators, and enrichment value
- Excellent communication and cooperation with keepers and fellow interns in team duties

Related Coursework

Coursework:

- Animal Behavior
- Animal Brains, Signals, Sex, and Social Behaviors
- Ecological Physiology
- Plant Systematics & Plant Form and Function
- Genetics & Population Genetics
- Theoretical Ecology & Spatio-Temporal Ecology

Lab work/Fieldwork:

- ***Dr. Daniel Papaj***, Animal Behavior- Observational lab work with invertebrates, specifically butterflies, with emphasis breeding behavior, eating habits, and social structure.
- ***Shelly McMahon***, Plant Systematics- Collected and published samples of species coexisting in a variable environment
- ***Noah Whiteman***, Ecology- Collected data on species population distribution in Tucson, Arizona

Awards and Scholarships

2007	Superintendent Certificate of Excellence
2007-2008	Arizona State University Deans List
2007-2009	Arizona State University President's Scholarship

Employment

Fry's Food and Drugs, Tucson Arizona July 2005 - Present
Produce Clerk

- Vast knowledge in produce including exotic and organic varieties
- Cross trained in floral, cashiering, and stocking
- Regularly noted for leadership qualities
- Major experience as a trainer for new hires
- Excellent customer service

- Works well with associates to accomplish goals needed to exceed
- Management skills such as ordering and planning but have rejected offer for management positions to further academic success
- Held job since high school to fund schooling and housing

References

Debra Henley, Zookeeper, Reid Park Zoo
(520)481-3648
Whitney Huffman, Zookeeper, Reid Park Zoo
(520)437-4771
Dusty Simonson, Apprentice Zookeeper, Reid Park Zoo
(520)403-0251
Tracy Irish, Assistant Store Manager, Fry's Food and Drug
(520)885-3547